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Sixteen years ago we opened our store in this city and from the very beginning our business was a success for which we extend our heartfelt thanks to the ladies of Bridgeport for their most generous and liberal patronage.

This Anniversary Sale will be the Greatest Bargain Opportunity ever before seen in this city. We will offer our large stocks of Trimmed Millinery, Untrimmed Hats, Flowers, Ostrich Plumes, Ribbons, Laces, Ornaments, Shirt Waists, Silk Petticoats, Marabouts, Feather Boas, Silk Jumper Suits, Cloth Tailored Suits, Black Panama Cloth Separate Skirts and Raincoats. Every piece of merchandise in our store will be sold at a great price reduction.



\$1.00 Untrimmed Hats,	15c	Hats,	\$ 1.08	30c Wide All Silk Satin Fancy	
\$1.50 Untrimmed Hats,	25c	Children's \$5.00 Trimmed Dress		Ribbons,	15c yd
\$2.00 Untrimmed Hats,	48c	Hats,	\$ 2.48	50c Wide All Silk Satin Fancy	
\$3.00 Untrimmed Hats,	98c	Better grades marked propor-		Ribbons,	25c yd
50c Children's Hats and Bon-		tionately.		\$2.00 Knitted Sweaters,	98c
nets,	15c			\$3.00 Knitted Sweaters,	1.48
Children's and Misses' \$1.00				60c White Lawn Shirt Waists,	35c
Trimmed Outing Hats,	50c			\$1.25 White Lawn Shirt Waists,	1.25
Java Outing Hats,	75c			\$1.75 Net Waists,	98c
Children's \$5c Rolling Sailors				\$2.50 Net Waists,	1.48
with streamers,	15c			\$2.50 Black Silk Waists,	1.69
Children's \$1.75 Rolling Sailors				\$1.50 Black Percale Pett-	
with streamers,	98c			icoats,	98c
Children's and Misses' \$2.25				\$2.00 Black Heatherbloom Pet-	
Patent Leather Hats,	98c			ticoats,	1.25
Misses' \$3.00 two toned Java				\$2.50 Black Heatherbloom Pet-	
Trimmed Hats with Sash,	1.48			ticoats,	1.62
\$1.00 Rough Strapped Bandied				\$4.00 Black Taffeta Silk Pett-	
Drop Suits, black, burnt				icoats,	1.98
and white,	48c			\$5.00 Black Taffeta Silk Pett-	
\$1.50 Rough Straw Bandied				icoats,	2.98
Drop Suits, black, burnt				\$8.50 Black Taffeta Silk Pett-	
and white,	98c			icoats,	5.98
Better grades \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.48,				\$6.00 Silk Messaline Petticoats,	3.98
\$2.98, all reduced in price.				\$12.00 Cloth Tailored Suits,	7.48
\$3.00 Trimmed Dress Hats,	1.48			\$14.00 Cloth Tailored Suits,	9.98
\$4.00 Trimmed Dress Hats,	1.98			\$20.00 Cloth Tailored Suits,	12.98
\$5.00 Trimmed Dress Hats,	2.48			\$12.50 Black Silk Jumper Suits,	7.98
\$7.00 Trimmed Dress Hats,	3.48			\$4.00 Separate Black Skirts,	3.48
\$10.00 Trimmed Dress Hats,	4.98			\$10.00 Separate Black Vols-	
\$20.00 Trimmed Dress Hats,	9.98			skirts,	5.98
\$40.00 Imported Pattern Hats, \$19.98				Marabout Feather Boas,	
\$50.00 Imported Pattern Hats, \$24.98				\$ 1.48, \$ 1.98, \$ 2.98, \$ 4.98	
\$85.00 Imported Pattern Hats, \$39.97				These are all at less than half	
Children's \$3.00 Trimmed Dress				prices.	
Hats,	1.48				
Children's \$4.00 Trimmed Dress					

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STRATFORD

At the Minstrels—Improving Lawns—
Wax Works—Is Shakespeare Dead?
Home from Mexico—A Dollar
Meeting—Pleasant Personals.

Many nice people were at both of the minstrel shows, and the audience last night was as large and choice as the one on Thursday night. Early in the forenoon of yesterday all the seats were taken and the telephone was calling for more. Some critical persons thought the minstrels were a little too black, and many noticed a remarkable absence of thick lips. The modern Stratford boy doesn't make up altogether like a typical African. And while their hair was woolly their mustaches were very stubby and straight. But this is of little consequence. Some of the wives of the minstrels were fearful that the black would not come off easily, but we hear that some of it is only water color and other compounds used are simply cold cream, all of which is easily removed. In the audience were noticed Mr. and Mrs. David L. Rhoades, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sullivan, Miss Marjorie Sullivan, Mrs. Walter Wheeler, Mrs. Porter, George K. Wilson, Elbert M. Beardsley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thompson, Miss Emma F. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parrott of Bridgeport, Mrs. John Sterling, Miss Madeline Sterling, also of Bridgeport, Miss Clara Ostrom, and Mrs. George A. Fairchild.

There are many indications inside as well as outside of the building, that a new roof is needed for the Town hall. The building was erected sometime in the sixties, and it is thought that the girders are rotten. Anyhow the roof leaks and it can be but a short time before repairs will have to be made. It is up to the selectmen to look after the town's property.

Dr. Packard very sensibly asks—
"Why, as citizens of Stratford, we

furnish the resorts for the seum of Bridgeport in places on the edge of the town?"

Mrs. F. H. Allen will go to the pretty little village of South Britain, in the Pomperaug valley, about the 28th inst., and give a series of lectures on the library in that town. While there she will be the guest of Mrs. Arthur Munson.

Mr. Walter Wheeler's yacht, the "Dolphin," is ready to follow the seas. The Village Improvement Society is watching with satisfaction the plan which is being done on the lawn of the Judge Curtis place, which is being regraded to meet the level of Main street since that highway was elevated last summer. The tapis vert which stretches along both sides of the street is one of the beauties of the village, and the strip in front of Judge Curtis' place is being put in prime condition.

While Miss Emma F. Allen was present at the minstrels, she did not take the part of the pretty Indian maiden who flew into the arms of the love sick cowboy. He was a peach and so was the maiden, with her pretty head of blue beads, and shining copper complexion.

The next literary event of importance and interest in town which will appeal to the intellect, and all our citizens are intellectual, will be the Shakespearean recital to be given by Rev. E. J. Craft of Bridgeport, at Red Bank hall on the evening of the 28th inst. This recital is under the auspices of the Guild of Christ church, Rev. Mr. Cornwall rector. Mr. Craft is so well known, and such a popular interpreter of the drama of Shakespeare, he is sure to be greeted by a large audience. Just now the authorship of the works of the immortal poet is much called in question. Mark Twain has dipped his oar into the controversy, in a book titled, "Is Shakespeare Dead?" It can safely be said that he is not; his works are more alive than ever before.

Miss Emma E. Allen will return to town in June from Chihuahua, Mexico, where she has been passing the winter on the ranch of a relative. She ex-

pects to spend all summer in this lovely and dear old town.

The new hose has been wet, and it stood the test to the satisfaction of all concerned. A stream of water was forced through it to the height of 103 feet.

The annual dollar meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Alice Curtis. Each lady told an amusing story of how she earned her first dollar.

The late rummage sale given by the Women's Aid Society of the Congregational church netted \$72. What was left of the rummage went to the Salvation Army.

A public will take place this evening at the house of Mrs. Julian Clinton. Everybody may come and have a good time.

The anticipated dog fight has come off. It is said that one of the dogs got badly chewed up. His name was Dandy.

Mrs. H. J. Lewis has recently suffered quite a loss by the burning of some of the outbuildings at her place at North Egremont, Mass. The house escaped.

Mr. Frank Dorman has been a recent visitor in town from Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Charles Mills has been visiting in town with a number of Odd Fellows.

Be sure and use OZONE POWDER and get premiums.

Prelates and Priests are Off to Rome

New York, May 21.—Thousands of Catholics visited the Cunard line pier yesterday to see the departure of Archbishop Farley, Archbishop Falconio, Papal Delegate, and several scores of priests and laymen who are going to Rome on the Carpathia to attend the Jubilee celebration of the American College there.

On the steamship are seventy-two priests, most of them alumni or former students of the college, Archbishop Farley being a member of the class of 1879. Archbishop Falconio goes along as the guest of the alumni.

REDDING NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Redding, May 20.—After the last series of raids upon his chicken houses in the spring W. C. Sanford wired them with an electric apparatus and kept his guns loaded. About 3 o'clock last Saturday morning the bell in the house sounded an alarm. Mr. Sanford grabbed a repeating rifle and hurried outdoors. He took the rifle in the yard of the shot gun because it was nearest to hand and therein made a mistake which he deeply regrets. He found the door of the chicken house at the barn open. It had not been locked and its opening had set off the alarm. The next instant he saw the figure of a man coming from the wire enclosed yard of the other chicken house. Mr. Sanford crouched down in the shadow of the trees and awaited the intruder. When the latter was almost upon him Mr. Sanford arose and pointing the rifle cried "stop." It was quite dark and he could only make out that the man was colored, his features not being revealed sufficiently for identification. Instead of waiting to be further inspected the fellow at the command to stop, let out a blood curdling yell and dashed for the road. Here was where Mr. Sanford regretted that he did not have the shot gun as with that he could have easily peppered the thief. Willing to wound and not wishing to kill he aimed low with the rifle and fired. He tried to fire again but had neglected to lift a cartridge into the barrel and there was no discharge. Then his son Harold took the weapon and tore down the road in pursuit of the fugitive at whom he fired two shots as he went. Both missed. The fugitive was about 200 yards in the lead when he jumped over a fence into the fields and disappeared. Just before doing so he divested himself of his coat and dropped it in the road. The same day Mr. Sanford took the coat to a colored man whom he suspected and asked if it were his. The man promptly said it was. Thereupon Mr. Sanford told under what circumstances it came into his possession whereupon the other vehemently repudiated the garment's ownership. This pretty well convinced Mr. Sanford of the suspect's innocence as regards the thieving business. Who the culprit really was has not yet been learned.

George E. Hazen reported to the selectmen early in the present month that strange dogs had attacked two shoats while they were in his orchard, killing one and injuring the other. He was advised to keep a watch for the return of the dogs and shoot them if the chance offered. He followed these instructions and a day or two later killed two of the dogs while they were feasting on the dead pig. By the license tags on the slain dogs the ownership of one was traced to Lemuel Barrett and of the other to A. E. Pinkney. Subsequently Mr. Hazen shot a third marauding dog which belonged to John Kauling and meanwhile the second shoot had died of its bites. In accordance with a provision of the dog law a committee was appointed to fix the compensation Mr. Hazen should receive for his property lost. Mr. Barrett promptly paid his share of the award and it is expected that the other two dog owners will also settle.

A number of interested persons would very much like to know the identity of the man who a few days ago by fraud and deceit obtained and carted away a load of hay from the barn of Albert Williams in Lontown. The hay belonged to George O. Sanford and Milo Osborn, who bought a mow of it from A. H. Diamond who he sold his property here last fall, and have since been removing it at intervals. One day last week a stranger appeared at Mr. Williams' premises and explained that Messrs. Sanford and Osborn had sent him for a load of their hay. Mr. Williams accepted this statement and without inquiring the stranger's name told him to go ahead. Later it was learned that the man had partly made up his load from a mow belonging to Mr. Williams and partly from the hay he had worked a confidence game through out. When the owners of the stolen hay set about making inquiries they were told by Mr. Deming, a valuable colored lady of all round misinformation, that Tax Collector E. M. Sanford was the man. Mr. Sanford owns a pair of spotted horses nearly white in color and it was a team of this description which carted off the day. It happened that on Saturday Mr. Sanford and Mr. Osborn were out for a ride on their horses. "Where were you last Tuesday?" abruptly inquired Mr. Osborn. The question and the manner of it surprised Mr. Sanford so much that he asked its object whereupon Mr. Osborn explained. Luckily Mr. Sanford was able to establish the perfect truth of the statement and the fact of his owning a pair of big, white horses.

Commodore Lutjgen offers to construct a macadam roadway the entire length of Sunset Hill provided the town will furnish \$1,000 towards the expense. This is a liberal proposition as the cost of building such a road would be several thousands. Entirely at his own expense Mr. Lutjgen has already macadamized about half a mile at the upper part of the hill. The remaining section equally needs improving as the hill, during the frost break up in the spring, becomes so deep with mud the teams can scarcely get across. The probabilities are that the amount of the last State appropriation now to the town's credit will complete the road to the word to the Five Points and leave a balance of at least \$1,000. This would be available for use in meeting Mr. Lutjgen's proposition provided. Highway Commissioner Macdonald and the selectmen gave their sanction. If this could not be obtained many would favor a direct appropriation to be used to accomplish the object in view. The selectmen have as yet taken no action on the subject but will probably ask that a formal definite proposition be submitted as the present offer comes indirectly and in general terms from Arthur Stowe as Mr. Lutjgen's representative.

A mixed team consisting of native talent and pupils of the Sanford School played against the Bethel town team last Saturday and furnished the best game the Ridge has seen this season. The home team won, 12 to 4. Duncan of the Sanfords caught in fine style and off Esquele, catching the visitors got only four hits while Bailey, their pitcher, was punished for 25 earlier in the week the Redding natives defeated the Sanford 16 to 12. Stephen, the three year old son of Emory P. Sanford, pulled over a tool chest upon himself the other day with the result of breaking one of his legs above the knee.

Miss Emma Williams, daughter of Charles Williams, was married Sunday afternoon to Moses Baker, Rev. Mr. Jepson performed the ceremony.

There have recently been infant arrivals in the households of J. H. Duncan and James Kennedy but in neither instance did the newcomer survive. Mrs. Kennedy was for a time in a very critical condition but is now improving.

The Lontown school reopened yesterday. Since Miss Webb, the teacher, left it to attend her mother in Norway the latter has died.

William Kennedy and James Perry, former employees of Builder McCollum, have taken jobs in Bridgeport, the former removing his family to the latter having been discharged.

The Francisco place at Pine Tree Corner has been rented by Herbert Ar-

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